

¹ To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Peter 5

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because,

'God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble.'

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5

Obey your leaders and **submit** to their authority. They **keep watch** over you as men who must give an account. **Obey** them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13 (NIV 1984 / NASB)

Obey = *peithó*, the root of *pístis* = place confidence in, trust

Leaders = *hégeomai* (from *ágō* = to lead)

[Men?]

Submit = *hupeikó* = yield (impl. authority)

Keep watch = *agrupneó* = wakefulness, sleeplessness

[Obey]

Put your faith in those who lead you and accept their God-given calling to do so. They lose sleep over you, knowing that they'll be held responsible for you one day. Make their ministry such that it causes them to smile rather than groan. How can they help you if you make their work a burden?

PL translation, taken from *Who?*



¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4

¹² These roles are designed to equip, empower and mobilise every member of the church, making it strong, ¹³ propelling it towards unity in belief, giving it deeper understanding of Jesus and helping us grow up in our faith as we pursue our God-given destiny of being fully Christ-like.

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